

Claims:

1. A system for characterization and calibration of gas sensors, said system comprising:
 - 5 a muffle furnace attached to a gas selection mechanism, wherein said muffle furnace is being provided with the gas sensor which is to be characterized and a temperature sensor;
 - the gas selection mechanism supplies a predetermined amount of an air containing a predetermined quantity of the gas to be detected to the muffle furnace;
 - 10 the gas sensor and the temperature sensors being coupled to a micro converter through a buffer and offset amplifier mechanism and a signal conditioning mechanism respectively;
 - an output from the micro converter is coupled to a display unit for displaying the values measured by the gas and the temperature sensors.
- 15 2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the muffle furnace heats the air coming from the gas selection mechanism to a predetermined value to enable the gas sensor to detect and measure the amount of particular gas.
3. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas sensor used is oxygen sensor.
4. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas sensor used is a modified lambda
 - 20 sensor for measuring oxygen.
5. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas sensor is a Bosch zirconium oxide based modified lambda sensors used in oil fired boiler stack gas oxygen measurement.
6. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas selection mechanism supplies air
 - 25 containing predetermined quantity of oxygen to the muffle furnace.
7. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas selection mechanism consists of a plurality of calibrated gas cylinders containing air having predetermined quantity of oxygen, each of the said cylinder being provided with a control mechanism for controlling the amount air supplied and said calibrated gas cylinders being coupled
 - 30 to a channel selector for controlling the nature of air being supplied to the muffle furnace.
8. A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gas selection mechanism consists of 6 cylinders containing air having 0%, 2%, 4%, 6%, 8% and 10% oxygen.

9. A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gas cylinders are provided with solenoid valves for controlling the amount of air supplied to the muffle furnace.
10. A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the gas cylinders are further provided with actuators for controlling the solenoids.
- 5 11. A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the calibrated gas cylinders are coupled to the channel selector optionally through rotameters, which indicates the pressure.
12. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the micro converter converts the output of the gas sensor and the temperature sensor to digital values.
13. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the micro converter used is AduC812
10 micro converter.
14. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display unit used is a 7-segment LED display unit.
15. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a database access system for logging the readings of the gas sensor and the temperature sensor is optionally provided.